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SUBJECT: UNSYG'S REPORT ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES

REF: A) USNATO 3792; B) STATE 160188

1. AT POLADS MEETING AUGUST 14, CANADIAN, NORWEGIAN, AND UK REPS OUTLINED THEIR GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT REPLIES TO UNSYG'S REPORT ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES.

2. CANADIAN DRAFT REPLY WOULD MENTION UNSUPPORTED STATEMENTS IN THE SYG'S REPORT. IT WOULD ALSO QUESTION PROPOSALS TO BAN THE USE OF INCENDIARIES ALONE, RATHER THAN ALL MASS WEAPONS. CANADA WOULD AGREE IT IS IMPRACTICAL TO SEEK TO BAN STOCKPILING OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES. CANADA WOULD PROPOSE THAT ANY UN DISCUSSION BE IN THE FIRST COMMITTEE RATHER THAN THE SIXTH. IT WOULD ALSO FAVOR CCD RATHER THAN ICRC DISCUSSION.

3. NORWEGIAN REP SAID HIS GOVERNMENT'S DRAFT REPLY WAS ALONG LINES OF NETHERLANDS DRAFT (REF A). NORWAY PROPOSED TO SUGGEST IT WOULD BE MORE USEFUL TO CONCENTRATE ON BANNING THE USE OF CONFIDENTIAL

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NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES, RATHER THAN THEIR PRODUCTION AND STOCKPILING. THIS MIGHT BE DONE IN A BROADER CONTEXT, TO COVER THE USE OF OTHER "INDISCRIMINATE" WEAPONS.

4. UK DRAFT REPLY WOULD BE NONCOMMITTAL AND MERELY TAKE NOTE OF THE REPORT. UK WOULD SUGGEST THAT DISCUSSION OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARIES DIFFERENTIATE AS BETWEEN USE AGAINST MATERIAL TARGETS AND USE AGAINST PERSONS.

5. U.S. REP INDICATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT INTENDED TO SEND COURTESY REPLY TO REPORT, BUT TO OFFER NO COMMENTS.

6. CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED THERE MIGHT BE ADDITIONAL NATIONAL COMMENTS AT NEXT POLADS MEETING, ON AUGUST 28.

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